

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As the distinguished gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CONNOLLY), my friend, pointed out, the GAO has identified that millions of taxpayer dollars can be saved through consolidating data centers and modernizing IT systems.

□ 1415

To date, agencies have closed over 3,000 data centers out of over 10,000, resulting in a savings of \$2.8 billion.

This bill authorizes agency-level working capital funds, as well as a centralized IT modernization fund within Treasury and overseen by OMB. These funds will accelerate our transition to modernize IT systems and will save American taxpayers millions of dollars. In other words, welcome to the 21st century, Federal Government. It is about time you got here.

The Modernizing Government Technology Act does not appropriate any new money, but, instead, builds on the successes of FITARA, which Mr. CONNOLLY was instrumental in making happen. It also invests savings in retiring these data systems and accelerating our transition to the cloud.

Folks recognize that sometimes up here in Washington, D.C., it can be a circus, but there are times when folks working together can actually solve major problems. This is one example of being in a partisan part of our election cycle where people working together can solve a big problem and do it to make sure that we are using American taxpayer dollars wisely and eventually, hopefully, making sure they keep some of that at home.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank my good friend from Texas. He is always gracious and has always been a wonderful partner in this enterprise.

In closing, the United States Government must come into the 21st century. We owe it to the people we serve to protect the systems that operate within the 24 Federal agencies we are particularly concerned about.

We need to streamline management of IT assets; we need to make strategic and wise investments; we need to have a schedule of replacement for most of those legacy systems; and we need to encrypt and protect against cyber attacks for the sake of the American people. I think Mr. HURD and I share that as a critical mission not only for this Congress, but for the United States Government as a whole.

I am proud, again, to be an original coauthor and cosponsor of this legislation, working with Mr. HURD. I know we have other initiatives we are going to be working on as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HURD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6004, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION TO POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGE ON H.R. 1777, PRESIDENTIAL ALLOWANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016

Mr. HURD of Texas. Mr. Speaker, notwithstanding the order of the House of July 25, 2016, I ask unanimous consent that further consideration of the veto message and the bill, H.R. 1777, be postponed until the legislative day of December 9, 2016.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1625

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia) at 4 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 879, by the yeas and nays;

Adoption of House Resolution 879, if ordered;

Passage of H.R. 5719, by the yeas and nays; and

Motions to suspend the rules on: H.R. 5320, H.R. 5946, H.R. 2285, H.R. 5523, H.R. 5625, S. 1550, H.R. 4419, and H.R. 5963, each by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5931, PROHIBITING FUTURE RANSOM PAYMENTS TO IRAN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on order-

ing the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 879) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5931) to provide for the prohibition on cash payments to the Government of Iran, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 236, nays 175, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 542]

YEAS—236

Abraham	Granger	Murphy (PA)
Aderholt	Graves (GA)	Neugebauer
Allen	Graves (LA)	Newhouse
Amash	Graves (MO)	Noem
Amodel	Griffith	Nugent
Babin	Grothman	Nunes
Barletta	Guinta	Olson
Barr	Guthrie	Palazzo
Barton	Hanna	Palmer
Benishek	Hardy	Paulsen
Bilirakis	Harper	Pearce
Bishop (MI)	Harris	Perry
Bishop (UT)	Hartzler	Pittenger
Black	Heck (NV)	Pitts
Blackburn	Hensarling	Poliquin
Blum	Herrera Beutler	Pompeo
Bost	Hice, Jody B.	Posey
Boustany	Hill	Price, Tom
Brady (TX)	Holding	Ratcliffe
Brat	Hudson	Reed
Bridenstine	Huelskamp	Reichert
Brooks (AL)	Huizenga (MI)	Renacci
Brooks (IN)	Hultgren	Ribble
Buchanan	Hunter	Rice (SC)
Buck	Hurd (TX)	Rigell
Bucshon	Hurt (VA)	Roby
Burgess	Issa	Roe (TN)
Byrne	Jenkins (KS)	Rogers (AL)
Calvert	Jenkins (WV)	Rogers (KY)
Carter (TX)	Johnson (OH)	Rohrabacher
Chabot	Johnson, Sam	Rokita
Chaffetz	Jolly	Ros-Lehtinen
Clawson (FL)	Jones	Roskam
Coffman	Jordan	Ross
Cole	Joyce	Rothfus
Collins (GA)	Katko	Rouzer
Collins (NY)	Kelly (MS)	Royce
Comstock	Kelly (PA)	Russell
Conaway	King (IA)	Sanford
Cook	King (NY)	Scalise
Costello (PA)	Kinzinger (IL)	Schweikert
Cramer	Kline	Scott, Austin
Crawford	Knight	Sensenbrenner
Crenshaw	Labrador	Sessions
Culberson	LaHood	Shimkus
Curbelo (FL)	LaMalfa	Shuster
Davidson	Lamborn	Simpson
Davis, Rodney	Lance	Smith (MO)
Denham	Latta	Smith (NE)
Dent	LoBiondo	Smith (NJ)
DeSantis	Long	Smith (TX)
DesJarlais	Loudermilk	Stefanik
Diaz-Balart	Love	Stewart
Dold	Lucas	Stivers
Donovan	Luetkemeyer	Stutzman
Duffy	Lummis	Thompson (PA)
Duncan (SC)	MacArthur	Thornberry
Duncan (TN)	Marchant	Trott
Ellmers (NC)	Marino	Turner
Emmer (MN)	Massie	Upton
Farenthold	McCarthy	Valadao
Fitzpatrick	McCaul	Wagner
Fleischmann	McClintock	Walberg
Fleming	McHenry	Walden
Flores	McKinley	Walker
Forbes	McMorris	Walorski
Fortenberry	Rodgers	Weber (TX)
Fox	McSally	Webster (FL)
Franks (AZ)	Meadows	Wenstrup
Frelinghuysen	Meehan	Westerman
Garrett	Messer	Westmoreland
Gibbs	Mica	Williams
Gibson	Miller (FL)	Wilson (SC)
Gohmert	Miller (MI)	Wittman
Goodlatte	Moolenaar	Womack
Gosar	Mooney (WV)	Woodall
Gowdy	Mullin	Yoder